

Elected officials and Environmental Committee Members,

As a bow hunter and having 3 immediate family members in my house become ill due to Lyme disease, I urge you to support any legislation that permits Sunday bow hunting on private land. This bill in the past three years has been passed by both the house and senate with bipartisan support only to die on the floor because the person who calls the bills was against it.

Now with a new person in play who will call the bills, hopefully it will get called. With that being said, we need your support on this.

Connecticut is one of a handful of states that has this blue law still on the books. This law is unfair to those of us with access to private land to hunt. This current law forbids a person to hunt on their own land on Sunday, while paying taxes on their land 7 days a week. There is no financial impact to the state by adding an extra day to hunt, in fact it only adds roughly 16 more days a year to hunt. This is big for those of us, myself included, who work [Monday thru Friday](#) leaving only Saturday to enjoy the woods.

Please support this when it comes up for vote. This issue has come a long way over the years and so close to passing, let's get it done in 2015,

Thank you in advance.

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